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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
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First Named Inventor	Romano et al.
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Examiner Name	James G. Smith
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted  
Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 22, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- i. ☒ Attached hereto.  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed  
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 790.00  
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension, the request for which is being made herewith  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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